

## PRIMARY LESSON: BASIC NEEDS 1

This lesson focuses on the difference between wants and needs, and helps students to identify what all humans need to live a decent life. It uses a case study from a cocoa farm in Côte d'Ivoire as a context for learning.

Objectives:

- I can identify the basic needs of all people.
- I can discuss the difference between a want and a need.
- I understand that farmers need to earn enough money to ensure their basic needs are met.

### STARTER ACTIVITY

- What do you need to be happy and healthy?
- Of those things, what are the most important?
- Of those things, what are the least important?

### MAIN ACTIVITY: Part 1

This sorting activity is designed to get students to think about the difference between wants and needs.

A need is something a person needs to survive.

A want is something that is nice to have.

Sort the cards below into wants and needs your could make your own table on paper to wirtte them in.



Divide the cards into two categories: needs and wants

Next make a list of the basic needs all humans need to live a healthy and happy life.

Are these all basic needs or are there some that we can live without?

### MAIN ACTIVITY: PART 2

The second part of this lesson will get students to think about the importance of earning enough money to meet basic needs.

Select the needs cards that you might need to pay for e.g. healthy food, medicine etc.

Not all people in the world have enough money to meet their basic needs. Without enough money, it can be difficult to lead a healthy and happy life. Many of the farmers who grow the cocoa for our chocolate are not paid enough money to meet their basic needs, even though they work very hard.

Read Therese's story to show how Fairtrade can help farmers and workers to meet their basic needs



**THERESE'S STORY**  
This is the story of a cocoa farmer called Therese, who lives in a country in West Africa called Côte d'Ivoire.



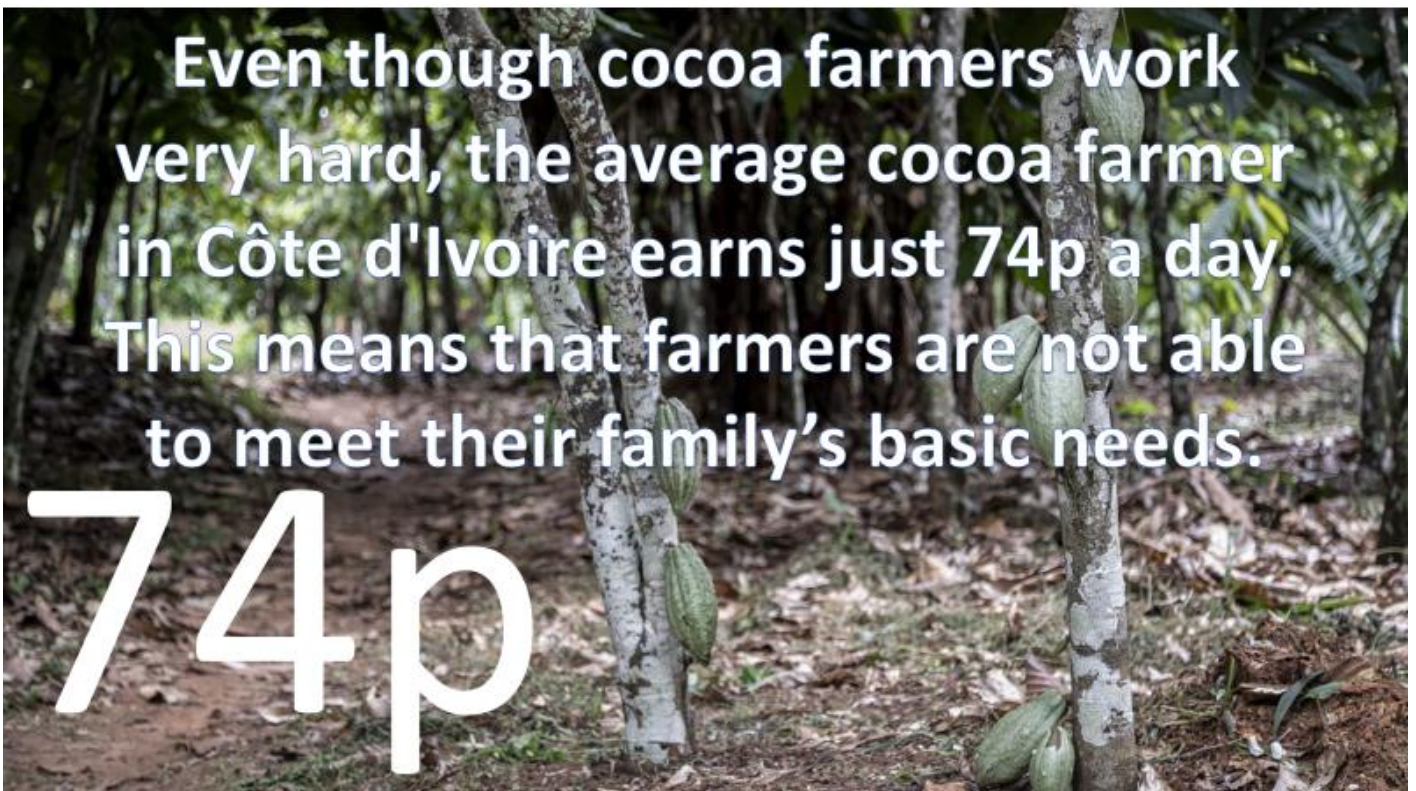




Côte d'Ivoire is the world's largest producer of cocoa, which is the special ingredient in chocolate. There are millions of farmers in Côte d'Ivoire who work hard to grow, harvest and prepare the cocoa beans before they are shipped to factories to be made into chocolate bars across the world.

Even though cocoa farmers work very hard, the average cocoa farmer in Côte d'Ivoire earns just 74p a day. This means that farmers are not able to meet their family's basic needs.

74p







These are some of the basic needs that farmers need to pay for. Do you think that it is possible to pay for all of these things with 74p?



When Therese was a little girl, her family didn't have enough money to send her to school. Sometimes her parents didn't have enough money to pay for food, so she went hungry.

Now that Therese is grown up, Therese has eight children of her own. She wants her children to be happy and healthy, and wants to earn enough money to meet her children's basic needs.





Therese joined a Fairtrade cocoa farming cooperative which has means she is paid a better price for her cocoa beans. Because of Fairtrade, Therese and her husband can pay for their children's school fees, books and lunch at school.

Therese and her children deserve to have a happy and healthy life, and to earn enough money to meet their basic needs.

Think about and write your answer to the following question:

What can be done to ensure the basic needs of all farmers and workers are met?

